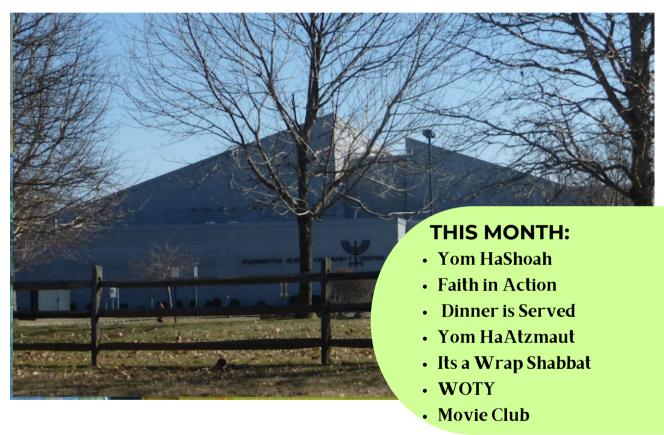
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RABBI'S REFLECTIONS

This year, the celebration of Israel's independence seems particularly fraught. On the one hand, after October 7th, the need for a safe haven for the world's Jews seems particularly crucial. On the other hand, October 7th taught us that military superiority is not enough to ensure the safety of Israel's Jews, much less that of the Jews in the rest of the world. We have learned to question whether we can truly be safe, while denying basic rights to the over-4 million non-Jewish residents of Gaza and the West Bank. These, and other concerns, will hang over us, as we mark over three-quarters of a century of the State of Israel's existence.

At FJCC, we have had a real challenge planning this moment. What will Israel's 76th birthday look like? A day of mourning for more wounded and dead? A day of relief at the resolution of the current armed conflict? The character of our celebration depends so much on factors outside our control. Therefore, we've decided on a couple events. We will have an Israeli-themed luncheon on the Shabbos of May 11, and honor Israeli culture. This will be followed, on Sunday, May 13 at 6 PM, with a (Zoom) presentation by Dr Michael Koplow, the Chief Policy Officer of the Israel Policy Forum. Dr Koplow edits the Israel Policy Exchange, a leading source for commentary and analysis on Israel and American Jewry. Dr Koplow's work regularly appears in Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, the Atlantic, and the Forward, among other publications. Whatever circumstances we, and Israel, face in mid-May, Dr Koplow will be able to offer us an informed and insightful analysis.

Please, join me the Shabbat of May 11, and the Sunday of May 13.

Rabbi Cohen



FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT

Wow! Time is flying by! I'm amazed that early spring has passed and am very excited for all the upcoming events at the FJCC in May. I look forward to celebrating with all of you.

The month's activities start with a **Yom HaShoah** (Holocaust Remembrance Day) presentation by Dr. Robert Watson, in anticipation of the actual day of remembrance the next day. This will be followed by our annual **Faith in Action** community service day. Mid-week we will gather for the monthly **Dinner is Served**. The activities continue on Saturday the 11th with **Meditation Shabbat** and unfortunately the Lunch and Learn has been rescheduled.

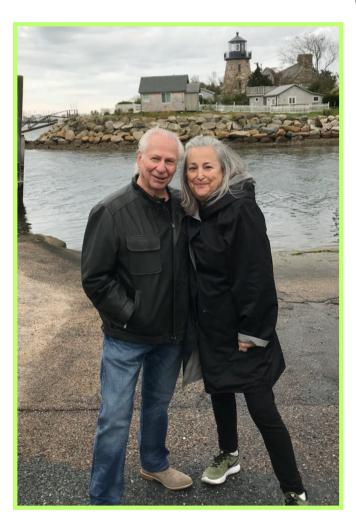
Take some time to honor your mother on her special day, as **Mother's Day** falls on Sunday the 12th. The next day is **Yom HaZikaron**, a day to memorialize Israeli soldiers who perished and civilian victims of terrorism. This year, the day is especially poignant as we remember those in captivity and we continue our call to Bring Them Home Now. On May 13th, the FJCC will have a special **Yom HaAtzmaut** (Israel Independence Day) discussion about current affairs in Israel with Michael J. Koplow of the Israel Policy Forum. At the end of the week, we turn to celebrating in house. At the **"It's a Wrap Shabbat"** service, our Gimel (3rd grade) students will lead services and receive their own siddurim. That night, we will also convey our appreciation to all the Hebrew School teachers. This is a momentous occasion for the participants, their family and relatives, the teachers and our members.

A few days later, on Sunday the 19th, we will crown one very deserving member as **Woman of the Year** during the Sisterhood's final event of the year. Can you guess who it will be? The month's activities will continue with some low-key but engaging events. On the 19th and 20th, we will have a used **Clothing Drive**. The FJCC will be paid by the pound for all the items you donate, so the more the better. Our **Movie Club** will gather on Zoom on the 21st to discuss the movie, Operation Finale. Take a break from the semi-mourning period of the Omer and celebrate **Lag B'Omer**, the 33rd day of the Omer, with a family picnic or a roaring bonfire.

Then, remember US fallen war heroes on **Memorial Day** on Monday May 27th, the federal holiday. The FJCC will conclude the month with the celebration of Elle Martoccia's Bat Mitzvah. Please join us at services on either Friday the 30th or Saturday May 31st to join with the family for this milestone in her life. What a terrific way to wrap up a busy month with this wonderful community.

Sharon Rednor

NEW MEMBER / WELCOME



Getting to Know Terri and Bernie Zucker

Terri and Bernie are originally from Short Hills where they raised their kids. They have 4 adult children and 6 wonderful grandchildren. They also have 2 rescue pets named Bogey and Shaina.

Terri and Bernie moved out to
Pittstown 7 years ago to a
renovated barn that had a chicken
coop. During the pandemic Terri
raised chickens to donate to those in
need. For health reasons they
recently moved to an apartment and
now live in Whitehouse Station.

Bernie was a jeweler in downtown Millburn for over 50 yrs before retiring recently. Terri was a Dental Hygienist in Summit and Millburn for 40 yrs until stopping for health reasons. Terri was also a Hospice volunteer for over 20 years.

The FJCC has filled a huge void that Terri had since moving to Hunterdon County. In Terri's words "The congregation has welcomed me with open arms and of course I'm so happy that my charity of FJCC CARES has been a big success filling a need for the community." Thank you Terri for spearheading the FJCC Cares program and showcasing how the FJCC community cares for each other.

Please give a warm welcome to Terri and Bernie.

MEMBER OUTREACH

What's your passion? Do you want to get involved with an activity at **FJCC** or have an idea you would like to pursue or see happen or a suggestion but don't know where to start?

Feel free to reach out to Kim Muller for all things FJCC at membership@flemingtonjcc.org

Also,

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you want to share your enthusiasm for the FJCC? How about being part of a new team forming to reach out to the many new housing developments in the FJCC area.

If interested in this recruitment initiative please let Kim know and send a message to membership@flemingtonjcc.org



WELCOME TO AMERICA



They've arrived! We have been very busy in the past week and a half, getting the family settled. Our activities have included going over how to use kitchen appliances, how to call if they need help, taking them to social services and making their initial medical appointments. We have started teaching the family about grocery shopping and using the cards that were so graciously donated, and we have also taken them clothes shopping because they needed warmer coats. We were able to get them phones that were donated for free, so they have been practicing texting us. Lots more to do. We will be arranging English lessons in the near future and have also started to teach them about money and finances.



It will be a long process. The mother speaks only Swahili and her two sons speak Swahili and French. They are excited to be here and are very grateful which makes the learning process a wonderful experience. They have informed us that they were on a waiting list for 20 years to come to this country.

Our experience so far, with the outside agencies has been very good. Their paperwork from immigration was stamped that they can work and they were already sent their Social Security numbers by the Government. We have emphasized to them that they need to practice learning some English and then we can begin job hunting.

Our most important consideration right now is finding an apartment, preferably in the Flemington/Clinton area. If you know of one that is reasonably priced, please let us know.

I asked the family what I could write about them. They wanted to emphasize that they are very thankful and grateful to everyone who has helped out. They said they would often pray to God to get them here and they feel blessed right now.

Alberta Madsen Co-Chair At Home in Hunterdon

SISTERHOOD

Who will be crowned this year's

Woman of the Year?

Find out on

May 19th 12-2pm

\$36 per person

RSVP by May 11th on Shul Cloud

FJCC Social Hall



HEBREW SCHOOL

It's May, it's May, the merry month of May.

We are wrapping up Hebrew school in the coming weeks. The Gimel through Vav students will lead services on May 17, and our one Gimel student will receive his siddur. It is also Staff Appreciation, when we honor teachers, teacher assistance, tutors and support staff. We hope to see you there!

Over the summer month we will be organizing curriculum, ordering books and supplies, and prepare for the coming year. We are developing a four-year module to study the people,

The best way to reach me in the summer months if via email, kwalsh@flemingtonjcc.org

places, and customs in Israel and the contribution Israel continues to make through science and technology.



The staff is beginning to prepare for next year. Please note the schedule change for 7th and 8th graders. Next year the 7th and 8th graders will have class on Wednesday from 4:30 - 6:15, while the 9th - 12th graders will continue to meet on Thursdays from 6:00-7:15.

Additional details about the 2024-2025 school year will be available in early June.

PAST EVENTS











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West Side Woodwind Quintet



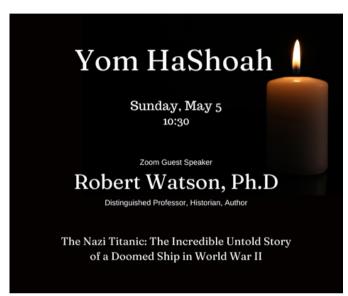


MAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
No School Passover Break				11am - Adult Ed	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	9:15am - Shabbat service
Passover (Day 6)	OFFICE CLOSED			1pm - Mah Jongg		
9am - Sunday Morning	Passover (Day 7)	8:45pm - Post Pizza Party		6pm - HH		
	10:30am - Bridge			7:30pm - Bridge		
	1pm - Parshat Hashavuah					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9am - Alef - Vav Hebrew	Yom HaShoah	7:30pm - Genealogy	9am - Nursery School in	9am - Nursery School in	Kem Oneg	9:15am - Shabbat service
9am - Sunday Morning	10:30am - Bridge		4:30pm - Hebrew School	11am - Adult Ed	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	11am - Meditation
10:30am - Yom	1pm - Parshat Hashavuah		4:45pm - 7th Grade	1pm - Mah Jongg		
12:30pm - Faith In Action	6pm - LT Meeting		7:30pm - EB Meeting	6pm - DIS		
			_	6pm - HH		
				7:30pm - Bridge		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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	6pm - Yom HaAtzmaut			7:30pm - Bridge	7:30pm - kabbalat shabat	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Register for events on Shulcloud. Links are posted in News and Notes









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Join Michael J. Koplow, Chief Policy Officer at Israel Policy for a discussion about current affairs in Israel

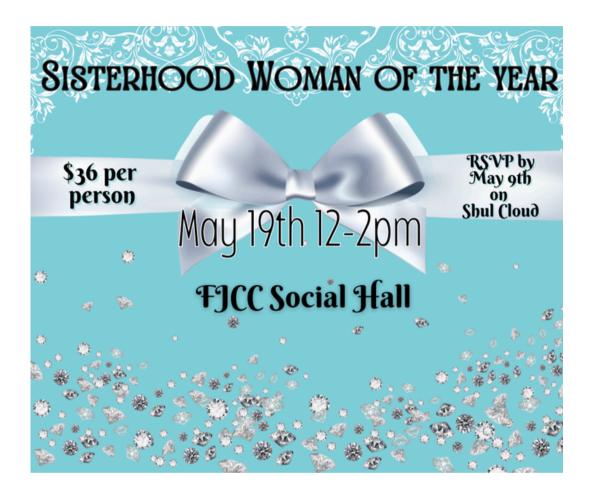
www.israelpolicyforum.org

Join us for an Israeli-themed Kiddush on Saturday, May 11th, following services.





UPCOMING EVENTS







UPCOMING EVENTS IN EARLY JUNE

Farmland Ride

June 9, 2024



FJCC BOOK CLUB

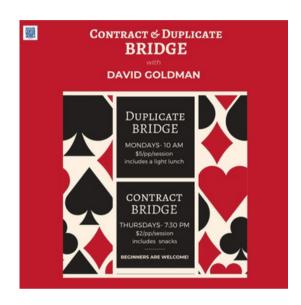
The Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer
June 3rd 7:00

The story tells of an American woman whose Polish-born grandmother, suddenly silenced by a stroke, needs to speak about family secrets. In a parallel arc, the American mom has a severely-autistic 7-year-old son.

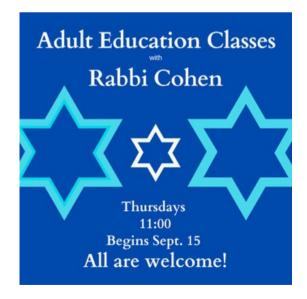


WEEKLY EVENTS









BIRTHDAYS

May 1 Stephen Rogow

<u>May 2</u> Helen Pollack Connie Mitchko

<u>May 3</u> Stephanie Scibilia

> <u>May 4</u> Cydney Cohn

May 5 Marian Daniels Calvin Scibilia Jordana Jaffe

<u>May 6</u> Harris Rutbeck-Goldman

<u>May 9</u> Rachelle Goldman Jenna Nifoussi Reba Holley Jane Wasserman

May 10
Jessica Corchin
Deborah Farber

May 11
Michael Weinstein
Sharon Winnick

<u>May 12</u> Larissa Wolf

<u>May 15</u> Carolyn Goldman

> <u>May 19</u> Leah Kleiman

May 20 Pamela Nemeth Jonathan Weitz

<u>May 21</u> Meghan Gordon

May 22 Mona Shapiro Liam Byne

<u>May 23</u> Matthew Neibart

May 24 Mindy Engle-Friedman Barbara Clarin

May 25
Martin Wolfson
Ben Kestenbaum
Jessica Neibart

<u>May 26</u> Sharon Landstrom Jenny Nahama <u>May 28</u> Robert Rapkin

<u>May 29</u> Marsha Goldstein

> May 30 Eric Cohen

May 31 Karen Walsh Seth Rubin

ANNIVERSARIES

May 3rd Jeffrey & Amy Marshall

May 5th
Robin & Bradley Mason

May 11th
Seymour Mondshein & Lisa
Martin

May 13th
Brian & Dale Sperling

May 26th
Alan & Deborah Hylton
Harry & Laurie Rapkin

May 29th
James Fox & Alissa Fox
Stephen & Joan Rogow

May 30th
Florence Friedman Hurwitz &
Loren Hurwitz
Ryan & Heather Goldschmitt

YAHRZEITS

May 1 Michelle Cohn

<u>May 2</u> Saverrio Zuchovicki

<u>May 3</u> Sylvia Mittler Marcellus Blount

> May 4 Sol Gerstein

<u>May 5</u> Jacob Dvoor

May 6 Ida Dvoor Irwin Goldman

May 7 Dorothy Ort Shirley Klinger

May 8

Jerome Weiner

Faye Nahama

<u>May 9</u> Simon Abraham

May 11
Herman Lefkow
Benjamin Thomas
Anita Winnick
Emil Neibart

May 14 Milton Frant May 15
Daniel Itzcough Orlin
Lawrence Rubin

May 17
Irving Ort
Gale Mack Staton

May 19 Chaim Leaf

May 20 Jo Ellen Leavitt Irwin Goldman

May 21
Arlene Stern
Samuel Linsenbaum

May 23
Bernard Weiss
Lori Ollwerther

<u>May 26</u> Lillian Rapp

<u>May 27</u> Jacob Moskovitz

> May 28 Estelle Kern

<u>May 30</u> Sylvia Goodman Sylvia Weiner

CONTRIBUTIONS Kiddush/Oneg/Nosh

Carolyn and David Goldman
In honor of Evie Stern's birthday

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In memory of Scharie Zuchovicki

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In honor of Eric's birthday

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In memory of Steven Epstein

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Marlene Dvoor

Yahrzeit of grandparents, Ida and Jacob Dvoor

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In honor of Marce Zuchovicki, Rachel Rodriguez, Andrea Goldstein, Rich Goldstein and Harry Rapkin of the Pitch Perfect Purim Performers who spread joy singing telegrams throughout the land

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Yahrzeit of Minnie Arowitz, Rick's grandmother In memory of Marvin Jacobson

Karen Buys

In honor of Eric Sirota

Mark Sirota

In honor of Eric Sirota on his birthday

Building Fund

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In memory of Alvin "Archie' Fagan

In memory of Marvin Jacobson, beloved husband of Shellie Jacobson. May the Jacobson family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

In memory of Marian Daniels, beloved wife of Jack Daniels. May you be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Mazel Tov to Patty and Nathan Lefkow on the wedding of their daughter Jackie to Brett

Happy 65th birthday to Eric Sirota Happy 90th birthday to Jerry Atlas

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In memory of Marvin Jacobson

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Eric Sirota on the occasion of his 65th birthday

Jane and Eric Wasserman

Eric Sirota's 65th birthday!

Rabbi Discretionary

Flo and Loren Hurwitz

In honor of the wedding of Phyllis Lerner and Alan, May you be blessed with abundant joy, good health, and everlasting kindness!

Sharon Helene and Richard Webb

In honor of a very special couple...to celebrate Evelyn Stern's special birthday and to honor my brother for being such a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and brother

CONTRIBUTIONSRabbi Discretionary

Terri Zucker

To Nancy Rumore, Salena Kern, and Marce Zuchovicki, volunteers for FJCC Cares, thank you for your time and effort.
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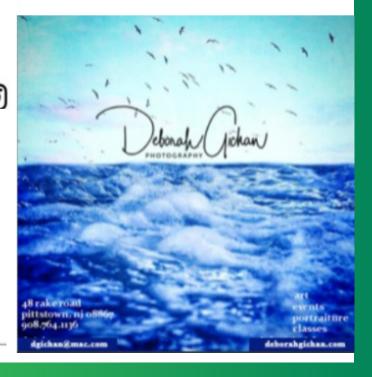
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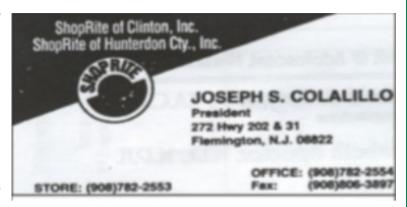
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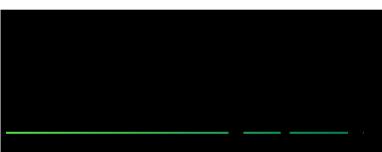


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